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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Ballistics Research Laboratory Terminal
Ballistics Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

1. On 5 January 1961 [] and myself contacted Dr. Edward Minor and members of his staff at Terminal Ballistics Laboratory regarding weapons for use against aircraft on the ground. The discussion branched out from this to include weapons in general which might be used by guerrilla forces. 25X1

2. All present were briefed as to our Agency affiliation and we did not use our light cover as originally intended. This turned out to be fortunate on two counts as the security office at Aberdeen was aware of our Agency affiliation and had apparently told several people including Dr. Minor. In addition it was believed to obtain the most information from these men a true background requirement was necessary. Individuals at the meeting from TBL were:

William J. Taylor
Joseph Sperrazza
Dennis Dunn
R. J. Eichelberger
Edward Minor

25X1 All have DOD clearances []

3. The discussion was directed to obtain ideas as to possible weapons which were near the final development stage or which could be developed in a short time and which could be used effectively against aircraft, vehicles, and/or personnel. Among the items mentioned and discussed were:

Plymouth Rock (chemical induced failure to aluminum)
Special Napalm Charges
Self Burying Land Mines
Shaped Charge round for 12 gauge shotgun
Fleshette Rounds for 12 gauge shotgun
CW and BW Items

Mention was also made of a project called [] which requires a special clearance. Some of the work under this project is being done at Eglin Air Force Base. 25X1

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4. After several hours discussion it was concluded that TBL did not have any hardware which would be of exceptional value to the Agency but that they did have the capability of designing special devices which we may require. The one item discussed which it was thought may be of value was the 12 gauge shotgun shell either with the shaped charge load or the fleshette load. If there is a requirement for the shaped charge load TBL could do the preliminary design work. The fleshette round has already been developed by [redacted] working with the Ordnance Corps.

5. As a result of this trip it is concluded that action will be taken to establish a requirement for the 12 gauge shotgun special rounds and that closer liaison will be maintained with TBL in the future. In addition, efforts will be made to determine whether or not [redacted] is of interest to the Agency.

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